

**District of Columbia Public Schools
2009 Summer Reading List for Rising Kindergarteners**

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Ada, Alma Flor	I Love Saturdays y Domingos	A young girl enjoys the similarities and the differences between her English-speaking and Spanish-speaking grandparents.
Asch, Frank	Moongame	During a game of hide-and-seek, Moon hides behind a cloud, leaving his friend Bear very worried.
Baines, Becky	What Did One Elephant Say to the Other?	A look at how elephants communicate with each other and the types of information they share, and provides answers to other questions about the lives and behaviors of elephants.
Barrett, Judi	Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs	Life is delicious in the town of Chewandswallow where it rains soup and juice, snows mashed potatoes, and blows storms of hamburgers--until the weather takes a turn for the worse.
Bemelmans, Ludwig	Madeline	Madeline, smallest and naughtiest of the twelve little charges of Miss Clavel, wakes up one night with an attack of
Bowers, Tim	A New Home	Matt's new home is missing one important thing--a new friend!
Cannon, Jannell	Stellaluna	After she falls headfirst into a bird's nest, a baby bat is raised like a bird until she is reunited with her mother.
Capucilli, Alyssa S.	Biscuit's Day at the Farm	Biscuit the puppy meets hens, pigs, geese, and goats--and makes a new friend--while visiting a farm.
Carlson, Nancy	Get Up and Go	Text and illustrations encourage readers, regardless of shape or size, to turn off the television and play games, walk, dance, and engage in sports and other forms of exercise.
Cooney, Barbara	Miss Rumphius	As a child Great-aunt Alice Rumphius resolved that when she grew up she would go to faraway places, live by the sea in her old age, and do something to make the world more beautiful--and she does all those things, the last being the
Crews, Donald	Bigmama's	Children's author Donald Crews recalls a childhood visit to Bigmama's house in the country, where he finds his relatives full of news and the old place and its surroundings just the same as the year before.
Cunnane, Kelly	For You Are a Kenyan Child	A children's book for early readers about a little Kenyan boy who gets distracted by all there is to see and do and forgets what his mama asked him to do.

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Daly, Niki	Jamela's Dress	Jamela gets in trouble when she takes the expensive material intended for a new dress for Mama, parades it in the street, and allows it to become dirty and torn.
Demarest, Chris L.	Firefighters A to Z	An alphabetic look at a firefighter's day.
De Paola, Tomie	Strega Nona	When Strega Nona leaves him alone with her magic pasta pot, Big Anthony is determined to show the townspeople how it works.
Elya, Susan M.	Say Hola to Spanish	An introduction to Spanish, defining such common words as "hola" ("hello"), "perro" ("dog"), and "madre" ("mother").
Falconer, Ian	Olivia Forms a Band	Olivia the pig is upset because there wasn't going to be a band at the fireworks show, so she decided to form her own.
Graham, Bob	How to Heal a Broken Wing	When Will finds a bird with a broken wing, he takes it home and cares for it, hoping in time it will be able to return to the sky.
Greenfield, Eloise	Honey, I Love	A young girl expresses what she loves about life.
Hayes, Geoffrey	Benny and Penny in Just Pretend	Annoyed with his little sister who always wants to play pretend with him, Benny intentionally loses her, but soon feels bad after she is gone.
Hoban, Tana	26 Letters and 99 Cents	Color photographs of letters, numbers, coins, and common objects and introduces the alphabet, coinage, and the counting system.
Johnson, Angela	Wind Flyers	A brief story of the Tuskegee Airmen of World War II through the eyes of a young boy whose dreams to fly like the wind came true when he became part of 332nd Fighter Group in 1942.
Jordan, Helene J.	How a Seed Grows	Observations of bean seeds planted in eggshells to demonstrate the growth of seeds into plants.
Juster, Norton	The Hello Goodbye Window	A little girl tells about the special kitchen window at her beloved Nanny and Poppy's house from which a person can see anyone or anything coming and going.
Kasza, Keiko	Wolf's Chicken Stew	A hungry wolf's attempts to fatten a chicken for his stewpot have unexpected results.

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Kimmel, Eric A.	Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock	Anansi the Spider uses a strange moss-covered rock in the forest to trick all the other animals, until Little Bush Deer decides he needs to learn a lesson.
Knudsen, Michelle	Library Lion	A lion starts visiting the local library but runs into trouble as he tries to both obey the rules and help his librarian friend.
Krebs, Laurie	We All Went on Safari	Arusha, Mosi, Tumpe and their friends embark on an exciting counting adventure through the grasslands of Tanzania, discovering all different kinds of African animals as they count from one to ten.
Kudlinski, Kathleen	Boy, Were We Wrong about Dinosaurs!	Information and ideas about prehistoric dinosaurs are constantly changing as new discoveries are made.
Lionni, Leo	A Color of His Own	A little chameleon is distressed that he doesn't have his own color like other animals.
McCloskey, Robert	Make Way for Ducklings	The busy Boston streets are too dangerous for eight little ducklings!
McLeod, Bob	Superhero ABC	Humorously-named superheroes such as Goo Girl and The Volcano represent the letters of the alphabet from A to Z.
Mitchell, Lori	Different Just Like Me	While preparing for a visit to her grandmother, a young girl notices that, like the flowers in Grammie's garden, people who are different from one another also share similarities and it's okay to like them all the same.
Nolen, Jerdine	Hewitt Anderson's Great Big Life	When tiny Hewitt is born into a family of giants, everyone learns that sometimes small is best of all.
Park, Linda Su	Bee-Bim Bop!	A young girl, eager for a favorite meal, helps her mother with shopping, food preparation, and table setting. Presented in rhyming verse with illustrations.
Pinkney, Brian	Max Found Two Sticks	Although he doesn't feel like talking, a young boy responds to questions by drumming on various objects, including a bucket, hat boxes, and garbage cans, echoing the city sounds around him.
Polacco, Patricia	Thunder Cake	Grandma finds a way to dispel her grandchild's fear of thunderstorms.
Rappaport, Doreen	Martin's Big Words	The life of Dr. Martin Luther King, explaining his work to bring about a peaceful end to segregation.

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Raschka, Chris	Yo Yes!	Two lonely characters, one black and one white, meet on the street and become friends.
Ryder, Joanne	Little Panda	The first year in the life of the first giant panda cub ever to survive in captivity in America.
Schoffer, Roni	Mama, I'll Give You the World	At Walter's World of Beauty, Luisa's secret plans are underway to create a very special birthday celebration for her hard-working, single mother who is employed there as a stylist.
Seuss, Dr.	Hop on Pop	Pairs of rhyming words are introduced and used in simple sentences, such as "Day. Play. We play all day. Night. Fight.
Sill, Cathryn P.	About Reptiles	Discusses the characteristics of different kinds of reptiles.
Wells, Rosemary	Bunny Cakes	Grandpa tells his two young houseguests a story about his own childhood when he was scared at bedtime.
Williams, Linda	The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything	A little old lady who is not afraid of anything must deal with a pumpkin head, a tall black hat, and other spooky objects that follow her through the dark woods trying to scare her.
Wong, Janet S.	Apple Pie 4th of July	A Chinese American child fears that the food her parents are preparing to sell on the Fourth of July will not be eaten.
Young, Ed	Seven Blind Mice	A retelling in verse the Indian fable of the blind men discovering different parts of an elephant and arguing about its appearance. The illustrations depict the blind arguers as mice.